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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC SHIFTS: BIOGRAPHIC DATA

1. TANZANIA ON FEB 26, 1977, APPOINTED PAUL JOSEPH MHAIKI
AS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, REPLACING ABBAS KLEIST SYKES, WHO
IS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO SUDAN. PREVIOUS AMBASSADOR TO SUDAN
WAZIRI JUMA, WAS RECALLED IN JANUARY. BIOGRAPHIC DATA AS
FOLLOWS:

2. PAUL JOSEPH MHAIKI. BORN SONGEA, TANZANIA, 1929. EDUCATED
AT KIGONSERA AND PERAMIHO (CATHOLIC) SEMINARIES, AND
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (1955-59), WHERE HE OBTAINED DIPLOMA IN
EDUCATION IN 1959. AFTER THREE YEARS OF TEACHING IN SONGEA, WENT
TO UNITED STATES FOR A YEAR OF STUDIES OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
(1963-64), WHERE HE RECEIVED BACHELOR'S DEGREE. ON RETURN, HE
SERVED AS HEADMASTER OF OLD MOSHI SECONDARY SCHOOL, IRINGA
REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER, AND THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADULT
EDUCATION. IN 1970 HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADULT
EDUCATION OF UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM. IN 1973 MHAIKI WAS
NAMED PRINCIPAL OF KIVUKONI COLLEGE -- THE IDEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
OF TANZANIA'S SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY. HE VISITED US AS FULBRIGHT
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LEADER GRANTEE IN 1976.

3. MHAIKI IS ONE OF TANZANIA'S MORE GIFTED INTELLECTUALS, AND
HAS BEEN CORDIAL TO AMERICANS DESPITE HIS IDEOLOGICAL
CONNECTIONS. HE DISTINGUISHES CLEARLY BETWEEN TANZANIA'S BRAND
OF SOCIALISM AND ORTHODOX MARXISM -- WHEATHER OF SOVIET OR
CHINESE VARIETIES -- AND DOES NOT CONSIDER LATTER AS SUITED

TO AFRICAN TRADITIONS, RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY OR WAY OF LIFE.

4. MHAIKI IS MARRIED AND HAS SEVERAL CHILDREN.

5. ABBAS KLEIST SYKES. BORN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, SEPTEMBER 3, 1929. HE WAS A COMMERCIAL OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FROM 1964-67. HE ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1967, SERVING AS COUNSELLOR IN PARIS (1967-68); HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA (1968-73); AND AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE (1973-DATE). LATTER POSITION WAS COMBINED WITH THAT OF TANZANIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO. SYKES VISITED US IN 1963 AND 1968. AS OF 1968, HE WAS DIVORCED.

6. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW SYKES, BUT HIS OLDER BROTHER, ALLY, IS ONE OF THE FEW SUCCESSFUL TANZANIAN AFRICAN BUSINESSMEN, WITH A VIGOROUS AND OPEN PERSONALITY, WHO HAS LONG HAD FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AMERICANS. PERHAPS EMBASSIES IN OTTAWA AND PARIS HAVE MORE TO ADD.
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